

- 1 6. The method of claim 1 further comprising forwarding the access request to a
- 2 regional LDAP database if the home region is LDAP enabled.
- 3 7. The method of claim 6 further comprising the regional LDAP database
- 4 authenticating the user.
- 5 8. The method of claim 7 further comprising the regional LDAP database
- 6 sending an “accept” message if the user is in the regional LDAP database and a
- 7 “deny” message if the user is not in the regional LDAP database.
- 8 9. The method of claim 1 wherein the access request comprises a user name and
- 9 password.
- 10 10. The method of claim 9 wherein the user name comprises a regional naming
- 11 convention for identifying the home region of the user.
- 12 11. The method of claim 9 wherein the user name comprises an email address of
- 13 the user.
- 14 12. the method of claim 9 further comprising comparing the user password to the
- 15 password stored in the non-LDAP database.
- 16 13. The method of claim 12 wherein the password from the database is CHAP
- 17 hashed, and wherein the password delivered to the database is CHAP hashed, and
- 18 wherein the password comparison comprises comparing the CHAP hashed
- 19 password delivered to the database with the CHAP hashed password extracted
- 20 from the database.
- 21 14. The method of claim 12 wherein the database of the non-LDAP regions is an
- 22 subscriber management system (SMS) database.
- 23 15. The method of claim 9 wherein the password is hashed to maintain security.

1 26. The system for authenticating users using a standard RADIUS protocol
 2 against a non-standard subscriber management system and database of claim 24
 3 wherein the
 4 password from the user database is CHAP hashed to compare to the password
 5 presented in the user access request.

6 27. The system for authenticating users using a standard RADIUS protocol
 7 against a non-standard subscriber management system and database of claim 26
 8 wherein the subscriber management server further comprises instructions for
 9 sending an "accept" message to the RADIUS server if the user password from the
 10 user database matches the user password presented in the user access request, and
 11 for sending a "deny" message to the RADIUS server if the user password from
 12 the user database does not matche the user password presented in the user access
 13 request.

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